

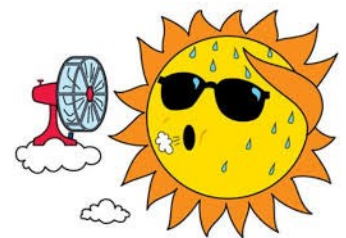
AUGUST 2022

News FROM PPC

We are reviewing THE Parkview MAILING LIST AND NEED YOUR HELP.

Here in the office we have been brainstorming with the members of the Parkview Folding Party. We were looking at the mailing list and noticed it has been quite some time since the last update. We are hoping to save on the cost of paper, ink and postage if folks were not still interested in receiving it. Then we thought—what about digital? So, as in the past, we are still able to offer a printed, mailed copy of the Parkview. However, we are now able to also offer a digital copy as well. Please let us know your preference for receiving the Parkview, if you have not already done so. We do not want to leave anyone out who likes to receive our newsletter so please, contact the office by phone 315-331-2255 or email park-church110@gmail.com. Currently we have four of us folding the Parkview monthly on the 4th Wednesday at 10:00 and we would welcome anyone who could lend a hand.

THANK YOU!



News FROM THE INTERIM:

Being a Matthew 25 Church (Continued from July)

On August 7th, I'll be covering the 7th mark of vital congregations called **Intentional Authentic Evangelism**.

From a book by Roger Dermody, *Being Reformed: Faith Seeking Understanding—1001 Worshiping Communities*, he says,

“...the day is past when the church could build programs and buildings, and the people would come. To make disciples for Jesus Christ today, we need a new approach to evangelism.”

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One thing I appreciate about the Presbyterian Church (USA) is its statement, “The church reformed, always to be reformed according to the Word of God’ in the power of the Spirit.”

For almost two centuries, Presbyterians have responded to the call of God through mission work. We have built new faith communities and helped those communities respond to the needs of those around them. Presbyterians have provided educational ministry and medical service to people around the world. Our Presbyterian way of life overflows with a sense of responsibility to reach beyond church walls to serve the broadening community in faithful and practical ways. But, new times and contexts call for new ideas and new approaches.

Dermody goes on to say:

“Today’s average church is burdened with financial and institutional demands. Churches focus much of their time, energy, and financial resources on building and property maintenance, and in creating and maintaining programs. The church leaders assume...people will be drawn to the congregation.”

Dermody stresses that there must be a shift from an inward-focused, membership-maintenance model of church to an outward, creative, and disciple-making model. He states that fewer people are asking, “How do we do church better?” and more are asking, “How can we be church in a new way?”

Isaiah 43: 18-19 says:

“Do not remember the former things
or consider the things of old.

I am about to do a new thing;
now it springs forth; do you not perceive it?
I will make a way in the wilderness
and rivers in the desert.”

Even Isaiah, a prophet from the Old Testament, affirms that God is a God of “new things.” God does not remain stagnate, and we shouldn’t either. So, how would you answer the question, “How can we be church in a new way?”

As you consider this question, please keep in mind the following:

- The mission of the church includes reaching people who are disconnected from Christ and his church
- The primary task of the church is to make disciples; Matthew 28:19 says, “go and make disciples...”
- Making disciples is not the same as making members of a church
- Jesus calls us to more than maintain and filling church buildings

Dermody references a book by George Hunter called, *The Celtic Way of Evangelism: How Christianity Can Reach the West...Again*. In the book, Hunter explains how Celtic Christians lived and worked among the “un-churched” people. They lived optimistic lives in the midst of a violent and disease-ridden civilization. It was their optimism toward the goodness of God and God’s creation that was infectious. Hunter claims that contemporary Christians can learn from the Celts. They believed that belonging preceded believing. Belonging doesn’t mean joining an institution or subscribing to its beliefs. Hunter says,

“It means personal knowing—living in a community that knows it is ‘on the way’ serving Christ within the indigenous patterns of life of the host culture.”

Hunter believes that this kind of community can provide today’s spiritual but not religious people with an introduction to the gospel of Christ who came not to establish an institution, but to embrace the world in saving love. He also believes that trusted, authentic relationships shape how young adults believe. He says that today’s spiritually hungry people make heart commitments more readily than head commitments. Young adults want to experience God, not another obligation to an institution.

So, how would you answer the question, “How can Park Presbyterian Church be church in a new way?”

In Christ,

Susan

2022 Session MEMBERS

Clerk of Session:

Cari Taylor

Steve Mitchell

Natalie Lemmon

Dale Groover

Anne Rogers

Rick Bald

Karen Cameron

BOOK/BIBLE STUDY: *WHY? MAKING SENSE OF GOD’S WILL*

BY ADAM HAMILTON

Our last meeting is August 3rd at 1:00 PM and 7:00 PM.



Session 1: Why do the Innocent Suffer?

We had fourteen people consider the questions: “If God is a loving God, why does God allow pain and suffering?” and, “If God is an all-powerful God, why does God allow pain and suffering?” Adam Hamilton posed three ideas that provide the foundation for reconciling God’s goodness with the suffering in our world:

God has placed humanity in charge of the Earth; we are to act on God’s behalf in managing, tending, and ruling over the planet. God’s primary way of working in the world is through people who are empowered and led by God’s Spirit.

To be human is to be free. God gives humans being the freedom to choose God’s way or another way. The ability to choose is an essential part of human existence.

Human beings have a predisposition to stray from God’s path. Our tendency to do what is not God’s will is sometimes called the “sin nature.”

Quote: When God wants to bring hope and help to others, God sends people. Much of the suffering in our world is because God’s people have yet to hear or answer God’s call to go and to be God’s hands and voice... Adam Hamilton

Session 2: Why Do My Prayer Go Unanswered?

We had fourteen people (not all the same!) consider the statements: “I prayed and prayed, but my prayer wasn’t answered,” and “If my prayers don’t change anything, why bother?”

BOOK/BIBLE STUDY: *WHY? MAKING SENSE OF GOD'S WILL*, BY ADAM HAMILTON

(Continued)

We grappled with the question of why God sometimes is silent when we cry out; why our typical way of understanding prayer—telling God what we want God to do and then expecting God to do what we ask—is illogical and bound to leave us disappointed; recognize that unanswered prayer is not the result of what we do wrong when we pray; gain new insights into Jesus' teaching about prayer; explored two New Testament prayers that went unanswered and what they teach us about prayer; and discussed prayer as relationship, not a transaction.

One of the interesting words used in this section was "hyperbole." Hamilton suggested its use by Jesus as an exaggeration used to get a point across.

Quote: I have...learned over the years that, in the face of suffering or adversity, God's answer to my prayers is often not to deliver me or others from the suffering, but to walk with me or them through it, and then to transform it and use it to change my life, their lives, or the world. Adam Hamilton

Session 3: Why Can't I See God's Will For My Life?

The group will consider the two questions: "Is God's will a set of principles and precepts we live by, or does God have a specific will for each decision we make, every action we take, and every word we speak?" and, "Is everything that happens predetermined by God and bound to take place, or does God give us freedom to resist God's will and plans?" In this session, Adam Hamilton will have the group explore how we can know God's will for our lives; consider that we are invited to collaborate with God in writing the story of our lives; recognize that in any given situation, God wills that we do the most loving things and that the principles and precepts by which we know the loving thing are found in the Scriptures; and see that God regularly guides us if we listen and pay attention.

Quote: God's intention is that our story be about redemption and love, faith and courage. There are twists and turns in this story, and there are times we take the story in a direction God would not have chosen. There are chapters in which we do all the writing, but the best chapters are those in which we hear God's inspiration and ideas, and we write the story of our lives together. Adam Hamilton

Come join for the last session on August 3rd!

LECTIONARY READINGS FOR AUGUST

Get a head start on contemplating God's Word for the month of August.

August 7, 2022: Genesis 15: 1-6; Hebrews 11:1-3; 8-16

August 14, 2022: Jeremiah 23: 23-26; Hebrews 11:29-12:2

August 21, 2022: Isaiah 58: 9b-14; Hebrews 12: 18-29

August 28, 2022: Proverbs 25: 6-7; Hebrews 13: 1-8; 15-16;

Luke 14: 1, 7-14



Yoshiko Arahata:

As you know, Yoshiko's last day with PPC will be July 31st. We will certainly miss her. She has accepted a Visiting Assistant Professor of Chamber Music and Collaborative Piano position at the Jacobs School of Music of Indiana University; she'll be moving to Bloomington, Indiana. As I was getting ready to do Yoshiko's exit interview, I found out the following excerpt from a letter she wrote for the position here at PPC in June of 2018. This encapsules Yoshiko's dedication, shared talent and gifts, and professionalism these past 4 years. She wrote:

"As a professional musician, it has been my constant pursuit to seek ways of contributing to the society using my musical skills...Performing at churches has been one of the ways that I view as my direct way of using my musical skills to contribute to the communities. The church service is both a sacred and spiritually significant part of life for people who attend. I believe that by providing musical repertoires and styles appropriate to the service and performing with a high-level of artistry, I am will be able to assist people at the services to become grounded and healed, to learn important lessons, and to seek a life of joy and good deeds, and I too am inspired in the process."

Well Yoshiko, you have certainly been an inspiration and we are going to miss you! We wish you the best in your new endeavors!



Congregational Discussions will resume with questions taken from Carson Mouser's book *The Promise of Narrative Change*.

From these, a single whole story will be written and shared in the next Parkview.

What has the church's ministry of the last 20+ years meant to you?

How have your expectations for the growth of the church's ministry been met?

How did all of the pastors' leadership influence the church's ministry? Or, not influence it?

What unmet expectations of the last and current pastoral relationship are still present?

What changes to the church's ministry either within the congregation or in the missions of the congregation would you make?

How will pastoral leadership and congregational leadership contribute to those changes?

What style of leadership is needed at this point in the congregation's life?

What will the local community lose if this community of faith ceases to exist?

How does this community of faith contribute to the global Christian church?

I'll talk with any who are there on these different Sundays: August 7, 14, 21 (11:15-11:45 or so)



Our Community

News from the Newark Food Closet:

In need of: no salt corn, regular corn, mixed vegetables, mandarin oranges, pineapple, jello/puddings, jelly, low sodium tomato soup, chicken soup, 64 or more ounces of juice, SpaghettiOs's of any kind. These items should be left on the little red wagon.

Treasures Along The Erie Community Yard Sale:

Newark, Lyons, Clyde and Savannah will hold the Community Garage sale on August 6th. Online maps/lists will be available after Thursday, August 4th at www.villageofnewark.com. Copies will be available day of sale at the Newark Chamber of Commerce, 199 Van Buren Street and the Lyons Farmer's Market.

Music on the Erie:

Every Friday - T Spencer Knight Canal Park—6:00 pm to 8:00 pm

Visit <https://www.waynecountytourism.com> for more information.

Newark Park Band:

August 2, 2022 - Central Park @ 7:30 p.m.

Newark Farmer's Market:

The Farmer's Market is every Thursday 4pm-7pm in Central Park. Fresh, local produce as well as delicious baked goods, jellies, jams, preserves, and crafts.

Other community events can be found on the Village of Newark website. At <https://www.villageofnewark.com/community-event-calendar.html>

Family Promise:

Family Promise is having a difficult time locating suitable apartments in the Lyons and Newark areas for their graduates. If you know of any that are available, please contact Nancy Ramos (nramos@fpwayne.org)
Family Promise is also in need of the following items:

- Diapers (sizes 3, 5 and 6)
- Pull ups (sizes medium and large)
- Wipes
- Brooms and mops
- Garbage containers
- Beds (full, queen and twin)

Please contact Nancy with questions about donations or Anne Rogers will also be happy to pick up donations and transport them to the Day Center. She can be reached at 315-879-5478.

The weeks of September 18 and October 23 are the Newark Support Group's weeks to provide the Fellowship dinner; we are also providing grocery support during those weeks to those needing extra help.

Park Church's representatives for the Fall Season are Paul Salisbury and Anne Rogers. If you have a main dish that you would like to provide please let either of them know.

Little Red Wagon:

Stu Bear says that we have donated 35+ bags of food so far this year! (Zoom was on Stu's case because he forgot how many!) Let's keep up the good work! Next collection is Sunday, August 7, 2022.

News from Common Threads:

Common Threads continues to be open the first and third Saturday of every month from 9-12. On average we give out 20 bags of clothing a month. We received a generous donation of socks, underwear and much needed items this month and are fortunate to pass them on to those that need them.

This month, a middle school student has been volunteering to receive volunteer hours, as required by the school. If you know of someone in need of volunteer hours, please have them reach out to Sarah at shumphrey8008@gmail.com!

Stu's corner:



August 7, 2022: The Invisible Boy by Trudy Ludwig

August 14, 2022: Spike the Dhog by Priscilla and Anne Gifford

August 21, 2022: Old Turtle by Douglas Wood

August 28, 2022: The Someone New by Jill Twiss and Eg Keller

Pastor Susan Frost

Office Hours: Monday,
Tuesday, Wednesday,
and Friday from 9-4

Please call 315-331-2255 to
make any appointments
Email: interimpastorsfrost2@gmail.com

JOBS at PARK

CHURCH ORGANIST:

The Church Organist provides organ and piano music for worship services and other church functions including weddings and funerals.

DUTIES AND RESPONSIBILITIES:

- Support the church's worship environment through the well-prepared execution of music presented by the choir, bells, and other musicians for Sunday weekly services at 10am, such as hymns, prelude, postlude, and other music as necessary (Responses, Offertory, Communion, etc.)
- Rehearse with and accompany the adult channel choir prior to the service on Sunday mornings at 9:00am and during the 10am service.
- Provide appropriate music on organ and/or piano for "special" church services as needed, such as Thanksgiving Eve, Christmas Eve, Ash Wednesday, Maundy Thursday, and Good Friday.
- Serve as accompanist for the Chancel Choir in regular and special rehearsals and performances as assigned.
- Plan, select, and prepare preludes, postludes and offertories, according to the needs of the worship services.
- Play for weddings and funerals, as requested (and upon availability), being permitted to receive additional compensation from the parties involved.
- Attend meetings Worship and Music Committee Meetings (by zoom if needed).

ADDITIONAL INFORMATION:

This is a part-time salaried position, reporting to the Pastor. The Church Organist is expected to perform on Sundays throughout the year, to include Christmas Day (if it falls on a Sunday), and Easter. The Church Organist qualifies as a regular employee for PTO (paid time off) benefits. Salary commensurate with experience. Minimum salary \$10,000



STREAMING TECHNICIAN:

Park Presbyterian Church in Newark is looking for a Streaming Technician to support the recording and broadcasting of each Sunday service. Requires familiarity with mixer board, sound equipment and cameras to broadcast to Facebook Live and save broadcast to YouTube. This is a contract position. Normal work hours are 9:30-11:15 AM on Sundays. Proposed contract is \$65.00 per service. Reply to: interimpastorsfrost2@gmail.com

PRAYERS:

Let us pray for wholeness, healing, and peace for all who suffer, are in need, face surgeries or times of uncertainty, or who wait for results and/or ongoing tests. From our own congregation, we lift in prayer to you,

O God, the names of: Aaron, Bethany, Dom, ET, James, Glen, Todd, Richard, William, Jaime, Zoe, David Papineau, Derek Rose, Rev. Tim Johnson, Jim Peck, Douglas Groover, Charlie Matias, Joan's neighbor, John, Christine, Ivy, Teegan, and Meghan O'Tool (loss of husband and father), Daniel Allerton, Doris Waddell (loss of son), Linda Werts, Wanda Gallagher, Mike Greene, Kris Bald, Amanda and family, Dan Marcano, Emma Downey, Lisa Tremiti, Shirley May, Becky Teeter, Ginny Bodine and Family Promise families.

Let us pray for courage and strength to face each day for all those in need of care and for their caregivers. We lift in prayer to you,

O God, the names of: Bonnie and Thurlow, Ed and Cheryl, Kay and Dale, Jeanne and Paul, Barb, Eileen B., Betty C., Thelma, and Jim and Anne Peck.

Let us pray for peace, compassion, and strength for tomorrow for all who mourn the loss of loved ones-families and friends. In prayer, we continue to lift up the families of: Lee Prong, Lynn Donelson, Vern Coleman, Suzanna Bliet Stresing, Rev. John Watkins, The Johnson and South families, Dorothy Ehrhardt, and Melody Neely, Florence Chapin, Sean O'Tool, Steve Kepner, Richard Mosich, and Richard Lunt, Patricia Kaupp, and Bill Guchone.

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Living God, hear our prayer.

As our Savior Christ has taught us, we are bold to pray:

Our Father who art in heaven hallowed be thy name, the kingdom come, thy will be done on earth as it is in Heaven. Give us this day our daily bread and forgive us our debts as we forgive our debtors and lead us not into temptation but deliver us from evil, for thine is kingdom and glory forever. AMEN



2022 Deacons

Gil Burgess

Holly Burgess

Sue Rowe

Joan Boerman

Scott Briggs

Eileen Taylor

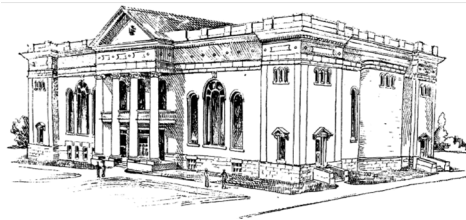
Virginia Bodine

August

Sun	Mon	Tue	Wed	Thu	Fri	Sat
31	1	2	3	4	5	6
		Eli Coleman's birthday 6pm - Pack 138 Webelos	1pm - Book/Bible Study 6pm - Pack 138 Meeting 7pm - Book/Bible Study	Anne Rogers's birthday Marian Maxwell's birthday 1pm - CON!	5:30pm - NA Meeting	10am - NA Planning 6pm - AA Meeting
7	8	9	10	11	12	13
Communion Esther Hylkema's 10am - Sanctuary		6pm - Pack 138 Webelos	Elmer Trunick's birthday 6pm - Pack 138 Meeting		5:30pm - NA Meeting	6pm - AA Meeting
14	15	16	17	18	19	20
10am - Sanctuary	3PM Finance	6pm - Pack 138 Webelos	6pm - Pack 138 Meeting 7pm - Session		5:30pm - NA Meeting	Don Hanagan's birthday 6pm - AA Meeting
21	22	23	24	25	26	27
10am - Sanctuary	Laura Ehle's birthday Parkview Submissions	Ed Lotz's birthday Jessica Burgess's 6pm - Pack 138 Webelos	Roxanne Shay's birthday 6pm - Pack 138 Meeting Parkview Folding		Laura Seely's birthday 5:30pm - NA Meeting	Thelma Vermeulen's 6pm - AA Meeting
28	29	30	31	1	2	3
Richard Watson's 10am - Sanctuary Music & Worship Meting		David Scott's birthday Jamie Harris's birthday 6pm - Pack 138 Webelos	Thurlow Hammond's 6pm - Pack 138 Meeting			

2022

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Christ visible
by believing, living and
sharing the word of God.”***

***“Our vision is to be God’s
light – a beacon of love, in-
teraction, and guidance in
Faith and comfort. “***



Be sure to check out our Facebook page for a way to see the Sunday Services.

Facebook is at: www.facebook.com/parkchurch110

(Be sure to like and follow to get notifications when we go live.)

Find us on YouTube at <https://www.youtube.com/channel/UC-PmjX998CQTaJ3EEkSpl6w>

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